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CIA mail-opening target of suit by professor

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An Amherst College professor of sociology claims that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has been opening his mail since 1970 and he has demanded that it be stopped.

Norman Birnbaum also asked \$50,000 damages for invasion of privacy in a suit filed in U.S. District Court, Brooklyn.

The suit was filed here because Mr. Birnbaum claims that, although the letters were mailed in Amherst, Massachusetts, they were intercepted by "unknown CIA agents" at Kennedy Airport.

He said that on or about Sept. 23, 1970, he wrote to Prof. Hans-Constantin Gulian in Bucharest, Romania, and also to Prof. D. M. Ugrinovich in Moscow.

The professor said he found out about the interceptions in June, 1975, and made a claim against the CIA that October. He said he obtained no satisfaction.